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## **ATF PARTNERS WITH FOX 2 (WJBK-TV) AND THE DETROIT REDWINGS TO PRODUCE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT ON FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES SAFETY**

DETROIT — The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) recently partnered with Fox 2 Detroit and the Detroit Red Wings to produce a Public Service Announcement (PSA) that is currently airing in the Detroit area. The PSA encourages the public to be safe and to provide information to ATF if they are aware of illegal fireworks or explosives activity.

On July 2, 2007, a mother of three young boys lost her life in Melvindale, Mich., after she was struck in the face by an illegally obtained commercial display firework. On July 4, 2007, an explosion took place in Clarkston, Mich., where two brothers were attempting to manufacture M-80-type explosive devices. Both brothers subsequently died from injuries received in this explosion.

Thomas E. Brandon, special agent in charge of ATF in Michigan said, "Taking a proactive approach to fireworks safety is very important, especially as the Fourth of July approaches. By partnering on this PSA with FOX 2 and the Detroit Red Wings we hope to avoid the tragedies that we experienced in the Detroit area last year. I encourage everyone to be safe this Fourth of July season, and if anyone is aware of illegal explosives activity taking place, I encourage them to call 888-ATF-BOMB. If you want to see fireworks, go to one of the many shows put on by the professionals in our area."

ATF is the lead federal law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in violent crimes involving explosives, and regulates the explosives industry. More information on ATF and its programs is available at [www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov).

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